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For : DIAPHRAGM DEVICE OF A TELEVISION CAMERA LENS FOR A
CCTV SURVEILLANCE CAMERA

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on January 11, 2002, Applicant hereby calls the following document, which was cited in a United Kingdom Search Report dated April 17, 2002 for corresponding Application No. GB 0124699.0, to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,764,292 to YAMAGUCHI, issued on June 9, 1998, was cited as an A-Category document (i.e., document indicating technological background and/or state of the art). The British Examiner indicated figures 4a-4c to be relevant.

Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent document. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. A copy of the U.K. Search Report is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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